

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re **PATENT APPLICATION** of

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METHOD THEREOF
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**WRITTEN ASSERTION OF ENTITLEMENT TO
SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Robert F. Buck, being the sole inventor of the above-identified application, hereby assert that this application is entitled to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27. I have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, nor am I under any obligation to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights of this invention. Thus, small entity status is proper under Rule

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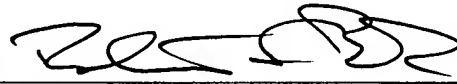
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27(a)(1). is a person who has not assigned. Accordingly, the issue fee payment is paid under the small entity amount.

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